

UKIP Manifesto 2015

Easy read



This is our Manifesto.
It tells you what we will do if we
win the General Election.



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Important words in this manifesto

Government - the group of people who run our country

Military covenant - the name for Britain's relationship with the Armed Forces.

Armed forces - a country's army, navy and air force. These are our teams of people that defend our country in a war, on the ground, in the air or at sea.

EU (European Union) - The European Union is a group of 28 European countries. They make decisions as a team about how their countries are run.

Immigrants - a person who comes to live in another country.

Trident - the name of Britain's nuclear weapons programme

SATS Tests - English, Maths and Science exams for school children aged 11 or less.

Referendum - a vote on a question so we can come to a decision about something in our country.

World Trade Organisation - the group who make decisions about how trade works between different countries

We are UKIP.



Our leader is Nigel Farage.



There are 4 other main political parties who all want to be the next **government** and run the country.



On 7 May we get to vote to decide who it will be.

The Economy



People buy things like food and clothes and sell things like cars and houses.



Businesses buy and sell things. For example, a business that makes washing machines buys the parts for the machines and then sells the finished washing machines.



The banks look after our savings and lend us and businesses money.

How all this works together is called the **economy**.



We believe in fairness and business.



We want to save the UK money by leaving the European Union (EU).



We want to save money by sending less money to other countries.



We do not want to build a high-speed railway. This will save money.



We will:

- change the law so people earning minimum wage do not pay tax.

More on the economy

- get rid of the tax people have to pay when someone they know dies and leaves them money
- make big companies pay a fair amount of tax.

Immigration

We believe immigration is far too high.



We think immigration should be controlled better.

We will:

- take the UK out of the European Union



- stop people coming to this country unless they have useful skills



- use a points system to decide who can come and live here



- make sure people who get married are doing it because they are in love, not because they want to live in the UK



- make sure that immigrants pay tax for 5 years before claiming benefits including NHS treatment



- make sure all visitors and new immigrants to the UK have their own health insurance.

The NHS



We believe the NHS should be free for UK citizens whenever they need it.

We will:

- spend £12 billion on the NHS England by 2020
- pay for 20,000 more nurses, 8,000 more GPs and 3,000 more midwives
- spend an extra £1.5 billion on mental health and dementia services over the next 5 years
- get rid of hospital parking charges





- make people pay for healthcare if they come from another country.

Social care



Social care is the way we look after and protect children, the elderly and adults who need extra support.

For example people adults who are ill, disabled or living in poverty.



We believe 900,000 people between the age of 65 and 89 are not being looked after properly.

We will:



- put £5.2 billion into social care between 2015 and 2020
- put money made from fracking tax into a fund to pay for elderly care
- protect day care centres, home care and meals on wheels.

Pensions

A **pension** is a regular payment from the government to people who have retired.



We believe in people having more choice over their pension.

We do not want to raise the retirement age to 67, especially for women.

We will:

- let people get their state pension at the age of 65.

More on pensions

- double the money spent on free pensions advice to help people make good choices
- make it illegal to phone someone you do not know about their pension plans.



Welfare and disability



We believe there should be help for people need it.

But we will not be soft on who we do not think deserves help.

We will:



- lower the amount people can get through benefits so having a job is more worthwhile

- stop child benefit for children who do not live here all the time

- only give child benefit to 2 children per family if they are new to the UK

- get rid of the 'bedroom tax'

- make GPs in charge of deciding how able people are to work

- increase Carers' Allowance by £572 a year so it is the same as Job Seekers' Allowance.





Childcare and the family

We believe children and families should be supported.

We want people to be able to afford childcare.

We will:

- build more nurseries
- make it easier for parents to get child care in an emergency
- make it law that if two parents split up, they should split childcare half and half unless there is a reason not to
- give grandparents visiting rights to their grandchildren.



Education



We believe in a good education for every child.

We will:



- give teachers less paperwork
- stop payments to teachers that are based on how well they are doing
- get rid of SAT tests in infant school



- end sex education for primary school children



- bring back grammar schools
- get rid of tuition fees for science and maths subjects at university



- make everyone in school learn first aid.

Housing and environment



We believe there are not enough houses that people can afford in Britain.



We want to stop houses being built on green land.

We will:

- build 1 million homes by 2020
- make sure people who have local connections to an area are top of the list for social housing
- let local people have the final say on what is built in their area
- stop people who own expensive houses having to pay a Mansion Tax.



Transport



We believe people should be able to use whatever kind of transport they like.

We will:



- stop a high speed railway from being built



- try to re-open Manston Airport in Kent



- make foreign lorries pay extra to use our roads.

Energy



We believe families pay too much for energy.

We believe other parties will make energy more expensive.

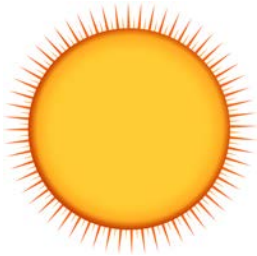


We will:

- get rid of the 2008 Climate Change Act
- support **Fracking** for shale gas.

Fracking is when you drill deep into the ground to release gas which we can use for energy.

More on energy



- stop giving public money to support wind turbines and **solar photovoltaic rays**. These are used to turn energy from the sun into electricity.



- only support renewable energy if it can give us energy at good prices. This is energy that is not limited, like wind power.

- try to get the coal industry going again

- cut fuel bills by getting rid of **green levies**. This is tax paid by energy companies to try to make them more environmentally friendly.



Employment

We believe being in the EU is making it harder to British people to get jobs.



We will:

- make sure all businesses pay their workers the minimum wage
- end zero-hours contracts.
- let British businesses hire British workers over foreign workers
- stop schemes that make it better for businesses to hire foreign workers.

Farming and countryside

We support British farmers.



We will:

- label food so you know more about it.
- allow a vote in parliament on GM foods.

Animal welfare



We believe we can improve the health of animals if we leave the EU.

We will:

- triple the amount of time people go to jail for cruelty to animals
- make sure people who have been cruel to animals can not own an animal
- ban animal testing for things like make-up
- stop animals being taken out of the country just to be killed
- we will put cameras in every **abbatoir**. This is a place where animals are slaughtered.



Heritage and tourism

We believe in protecting our history and tourism industry.



We will:

- create a new Minister of State for Heritage and Tourism
- stop VAT on repairs to historic churches and listed buildings
- protect areas in market towns, the countryside and seaside towns.
- save more pubs .



Crime and Justice

We will pay for 600 new jobs in the

- police service
- prison service
- and Border Agency.



We believe everything to do with the police and justice should be decided by Britain.

We will:

- stop foreign criminals coming here





- force foreign people who break the law here to leave
- we will not give criminals the vote
- we will not allow European police here

Political reform

We want people to feel more connected to politics.

We will:

- allow a referendum every 2 years on the most popular petition signed by more than 2 million people
- hold debates over petitions that get the support of more than 100,000 people
- only let English people vote on English laws
- stop people cheating the postal vote system.



Local Government



We believe local areas should have more power.

We will:

- keep Council tax as low as possible
- let local people decide on big building projects
- stop noisy and anti-social neighbours



More on local government

- stop people setting up traveller pitches without permission
- make rubbish bin collections weekly
- cut council costs.



British culture



We want to celebrate British culture.

We will:



- make sure everyone lives by British laws
- protect people's right to say what they like
- stop supporting faiths we believe don't respect human rights.

Trade



We believe if we leave the EU we will be able to trade better with the rest of the world.

We will:

- rejoin the World Trade Organisation
- make free trade deals around the world.

Foreign affairs



We believe Britain has been involved in too many wars.

We will:

- not spend public money on the armed forces without involving Parliament
- protect British land
- build closer relationships with English speaking places
- try to help make peace in the Middle East



Defence

We believe in defending Britain by putting money into the armed forces.

We will:

- stop people who are in working in the armed forces overseas from having to pay income tax





- open a military hospital to treat people who have worked in the armed forces
- keep our **Trident nuclear deterrent**
- say no to an EU army being set up

Overseas aid

We want to help the poorest people in the world.

We think too much money goes to other countries who can help themselves.

We will:

- only send 0.2% of the UK's income to other countries
- make trade rules fair
- close the Department for International Development so the Foreign Office can do its work instead.

